

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 1 illustrates a lawnmower 10 including a chassis 14, front wheels 18 and rear wheels 22 supporting the chassis 14, a mower deck 26 supported by the chassis 14, an engine 28 supported by the chassis 14, a cutting implement 30 disposed under the mower deck 26 and driven by the engine 28, and a seat 34 supported by the chassis 14 for an operator to sit in. The engine 28 may be enclosed within a housing. In the illustrated construction, the lawnmower 10 is a belly-mount zero turn radius mower having a pair of control levers~~38~~35 for the independent forward and reverse operation of the front or rear wheels. The invention is not limited to the illustrated lawnmower 10 and may alternatively be embodied in a front mount mower or other power implement.